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Strength of the various Hospital Committees.

* 241 Q.—Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that proposals have been made to form committees for the various hospitals;

(*b*) if so, whether any lady members are placed on these committees; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) be in the affirmative, the exact percentage of women members to the total strength of the committees?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1598, P.H., dated the 26th June 1929, which has been laid on the table in answer to question No. 125.

Dr. (Mr.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI:—"May I know when the scheme for anti-venereal measures will be ready?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I hope soon."

Number of midwives, dhais, etc., undergoing training in all hospitals.

* 242 Q.—Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state the number of pupils, i.e., midwives, nurses and 'dhais' that are under training at present in the various hospitals in the Presidency where facilities for such training exist?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Pay and prospects of nurses in the city and mufassal.

*243 Q.—Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the pay and prospects of the midwives and nurses that are working in the districts are the same as those of midwives and nurses serving in the city of Madras?

A.—Yes.

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Free supply of quinine to Local Fund dispensaries.

* 244 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that any portion of the quinine meant for free distribution is being supplied to Local Fund dispensaries thereby enabling them to save money; and

(*b*) whether there is a proposal to stop this so that all the free quinine may go to institutions and persons other than Local Fund hospitals and dispensaries?

A.—(*a*) Under the scheme of free distribution of quinine in the specified ten taluks in the Presidency, the local fund and municipal hospitals and dispensaries in the areas have been utilized amongst the agencies for distribution.

(*b*) There is no proposal to terminate this arrangement.

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Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I know why the Government have ear-marked a portion of quinine for free distribution to local bodies ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Because we have to find out agencies for distribution of quinine and these are some of the agencies which can be relied upon for free distribution."

Free supply of quinine to the villages of Durga, etc., in the Karkal taluk.

* 245 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any and, if so, what amount of quinine has been supplied for free distribution to the villages of Durga and Mala in the Karkal taluk of South Kanara district ;

(*b*) whether the potail of Mala has asked for more supply ;

(*c*) if so, when ; and

(*d*) how much has been supplied, and if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) Up to 31st May 1929, 6,400 packets of quinine were actually distributed in the villages of Durga and Mala, Karkal taluk. (A packet contains 20 tablets of 5 grains each.)

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The patel of Mala has not been entrusted with the distribution of quinine.

Value of quinine supplied free in the taluks of Puttur and Karkal during 1928–29.

* 246 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state the total value of quinine actually supplied for free distribution in the taluks of Puttur and Karkal in South Kanara district in the years 1928-29 and 1929–30 respectively ?

	Quantity.	Value.		
	LB.	RS.	A.	P.
A.—1928–29	5,201	[1] 10,042	8	0
1929–30 (up to 31st May 1929) ...	89	1,720	0	0

[1] The cost of quinine will increase when the commission payable to the Jail department which is under the consideration of the Government is added.

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I know why there has been so much fall in the quantity of quinine supplied ? Is it up to date ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" It is up to the present date."

Supply of quinine to Mundaje village in Puttur taluk.

* 247 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Narayan Bhat Bhide of Mundaje village in the Puttur taluk of South Kanara district who is a member of the Puttur Taluk Board and a respectable landowner applied for quinine for free distribution by a letter to the Collector, dated 21st December 1928, and whether the letter was sent by the latter to the District Health Officer for necessary action ;